

THE PRESS CLUB'S RECEPTION.
How the Wives and Daughters of the Members Were Entertained.

The National Capital Press Club has won a widespread reputation for the elegance and taste with which it entertains. Recently the magnificence and novelty of its annual dinner was printed throughout the country. This occasion was hardly surpassed by the elaborate and enjoyable style in which the club entertained the wives and families of members on Saturday night. The handsome club rooms were beautifully decorated with an abundance of cut flowers, while palms and mounds of greens were grouped everywhere. The entire house was turned over to the ladies and many enjoyed the billiard and pool rooms and other features for amusement.

During the evening those present were treated to a portion of the electrical display which made the annual dinner such a success. When the electric lights were turned on, the effect was quite startling, and the expressions of surprise and pleasure were general. An informal musical added considerably to the well-arranged preparations. A triple quartet from the Capital Glee Club opened the musical program, followed by a solo from Prof. N. Bushnell Cleaver, who rendered several selections with unusual excellence. This organization is a comparatively new one, but with its thirty-five well-trained voices it will no doubt become one of the principal musical clubs of the city. Prof. Cleaver had kindly invited the guests an opportunity to hear his fine baritone voice. His singing of the Toreador song from "Carmen" was thoroughly appreciated. Miss Hattie Meades responded to an encore, which was demanded after her first song. Mr. Alfred Bushnell, the conductor, was equally dexterous.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Espino sang a duet which especially pleased the audience and Mrs. Bushnell in response to the demand sang a solo.

Mr. Charles Elliott delighted every member of the company with his solo. H. E. Hinman, S. W. H. Hinman and W. R. Macmillan made themselves very popular by their execution on the mandolin, banjo and guitar. Miss Ruth Thompson, who has accepted a position in the famous orchestra of Dr. L. M. Ladd, sang a solo, was very warmly received. She sang "Dear Heart," a solo "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," accompanied by Prof. Fancilli. Miss Thompson has an unusually true and sweet contralto voice, and though every one is pleased to hear her, she has not had the compliment of an offer from Dr. Storck's choir still there is much regret that Washington should lose one of her finest songsters.

An elaborate supper was served during the evening.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Corning, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Read, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Noves, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Boynton, Miss Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. A. Maudslay, Mr. and Mrs. George W. McLean, Mr. Cornelius Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oulahan, Prof. and Mrs. Fancilli, Miss Hayes, Miss Louise Shaw, Harriet Crum, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Anabel Rose, Mr. and Mrs. George Rouzer, Miss Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wynn, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hamilton, Miss McInnes, Miss McLean, Miss Wetherbee, Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Loveloy, Miss McCrory, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome J. Wilber, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Noah, Miss Noah, Miss Mundell, Mr. and Mrs. Findley Harris.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

He Makes a Visit to Mr. Bayard in Wilmington.

President Cleveland, Secretary Gresham and Senator White of Louisiana spent Saturday evening and yesterday in Wilmington, Del., as the guests of Mr. T. F. Bayard, the newly appointed ambassador to England. They made the trip from Washington over the Pennsylvania road in Vice President Thomson's private car. The party had a cordial reception at Wilmington. They arrived there at 6:10 o'clock Saturday evening and were greeted with cheers by nearly 3,000 people gathered at the station.

When the party arrived at the Bayard home, a mile west of the station, they found another large crowd. Shortly after the arrival dinner was served. Mr. Bayard did not extend any invitation to the men and said that he was making his reception in order to give the President a day of rest and a breath of fresh air.

The party spent a quiet Sunday at Mr. Bayard's home, and save for a morning's stroll around the grounds they remained indoors until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the family carriage or drag was brought to the front door and Mr. Bayard and his guests took a ride along the romantic Brandywine and back through the city.

There were no callers during the day and no one was invited by Mr. Bayard to meet the President.

Mr. Bayard said that he would sail for England in about a month. "I will have to go abroad then," he remarked, "and will play my wife off on him." He said he would remain in London until the fall, when he and his wife would be joined by his two daughters who are now in Sweden.

The people of Wilmington are much agitated over the visit of Mr. Cleveland, as he is the only President who has ever been in Washington over night since the days of George Washington. Delano Place is a historical mansion, and was once the home of Myra Clark Gaines, the celebrated litigant. It is an old-fashioned but handsome stone house and from its windows a fine view of the Delaware river, two miles distant.

The President endeavored to slip over to Wilmington without being known to the public, but did not succeed. He was very much surprised to find in Saturday's Star an announcement of his trial and probable realization of this time that he cannot keep his movements an entire secret from the people.

THERE MAY BE A LYNNING.

David F. Gatchell of Cecil County, Md., Brutally Assasted by Negroes.

The people in Cecil county, Md., had scarcely ceased to talk about the recent horrors committed by negroes in Maryland of Dr. Hill and Mr. Bowd when they are called upon to contemplate and discuss the attack of a negro and murderer by two negroes of Mr. David F. Gatchell, who well-doing son of the neighbor of Dr. Hill. Mr. Gatchell, who had been on his way from his home to Herring Run on Friday night, when passing through a belt of woods, was stopped by two negroes, who demanded his money or his life. He had no money, he said. The negroes at once fell upon him, beating him almost into insensibility, and the victim, who had lost his strength, crawled into the "run." Out of this Mr. Gatchell crawled, but he was hurried back again into the hands of the brutes. Thinking they had driven him to his death, Mr. Gatchell was able soon, however, to drag himself out of the water and to a neighbor's house. The physician has hopes of his recovery.

Now the country roundabout is being scourred for the negroes whom Mr. Gatchell describes, and speedily punishment awaits them if caught. Fugitives were hanged as four others are serving a life sentence for the murder of Dr. Hill.

PROSPECTIVE NAVAL CHANGES.

There is considerable speculation in naval circles over prospective changes in the navy after the naval review. New squadrons will be formed and it is expected that of the three rear admirals flying their flags now at Hampton Roads two will be detached from their commands and given command of duty ships. These two will be Admiral Gherardi, who has been absent now for nearly three years, and Admiral Walker, whose three years' tour expired last November. Admiral Benham will be placed in command of the North Atlantic squadron, it is believed, and will be sent to the South Atlantic station to assume command of the fleet. Admiral Oberardi, it is believed, will be the next superintendent of the Naval Academy, to relieve Capt. Phythian, and Admiral Walker will be assigned to command the Boston or Maine fleet. He will be given the York port, leaving Commodore Erwin, who may take charge of one of the new squadrons. Secretary Herbert has said that he would send four ships to the western coast and would probably keep four in the harbor.

Some changes are already contemplated in the commands of ships in the roads. Capt. McGinley will be relieved by Capt. Bartlett and Capt. Clegg will be succeeded by Capt. Tamm. The capture of the Spanish and Charleston will also probably be relieved and new officers sent in their places soon after the ceremony in New York. Among the junior officers lively orders are also expected, and in some instances the entire complement will be changed and a new set installed.

An interesting paper on psychological phenomena was read by Prof. Lester F. Ward before a large audience at the National Museum. The subject, "Mind Proves," and treated in a manner which showed extensive research into psychological mysteries.

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